REMARKS

Claims 8 and 22 are amended to recite that the filler is selected from the group consisting of silica, CaCO₃, BaSO₄, TiO₂, metal particles, metal oxides, and carbon black; the amendments clarify the language of the claims. Support for the amendments can be found at page 17, paragraph [0054], which lists fillers such as silica, CaCO₃, BaSO₄, TiO₂, metal particles and their oxides, and carbon black.

Claims 10-14 and 24-28 are amended to replace "cell walls" with "side walls"; the amendments provide proper antecedent basis.

No new matter is entered in any of the above amendments. The amendments correct obvious antecedent errors and clarify the meaning of the claims.

The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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